OPSEC Training & Awareness

for

Those Holding Down the Home Front – The Army Family

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ONE TEAM – ARMY STRONG

Your loved one has the training, leadership and equipment needed to perform the mission and come back home to you.

But did you know that you're half of the team?

WHAT OPSEC IS

“mindset” {noun}

a set of beliefs or a way of thinking that determines one’s behavior, outlook and mental attitude.

- Denying any useful information to the enemy
- A mindset, a way of thinking
- Applied to Web pages, blogs, emails
- A standard that can be applied to any situation

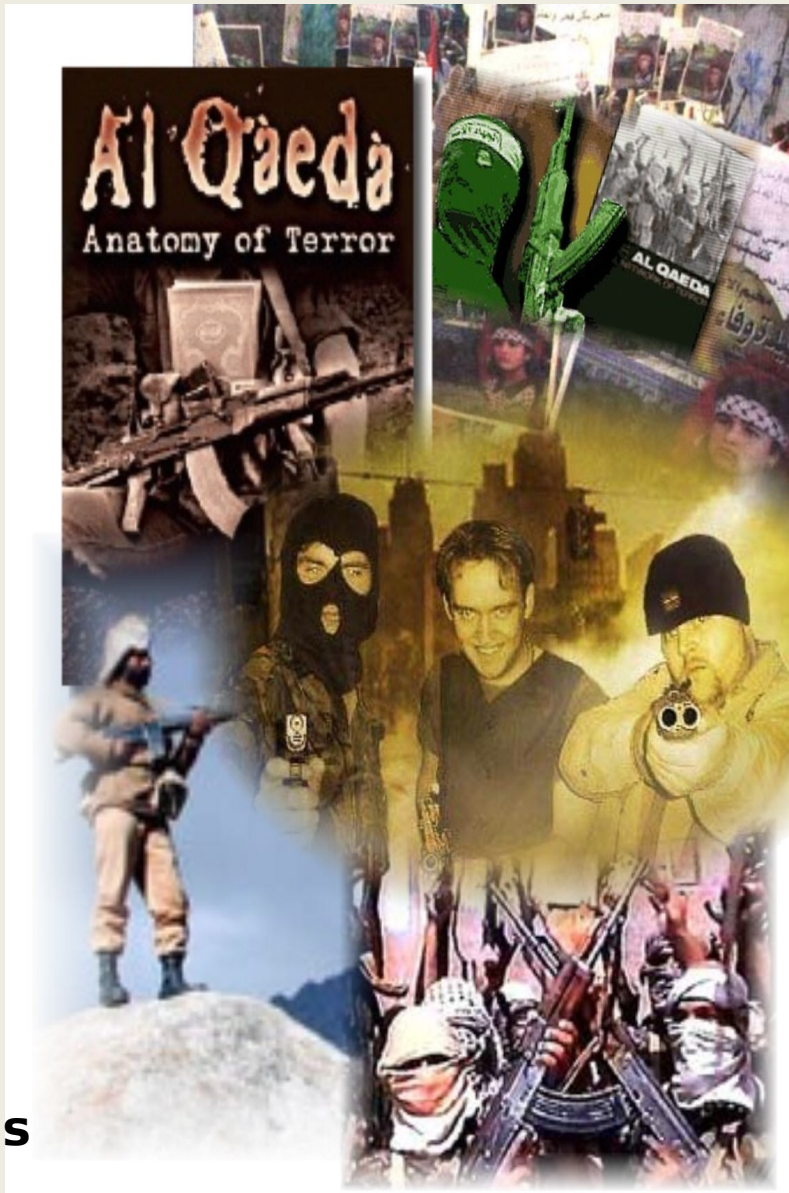
PIECES OF INFORMATION – IT'S LIKE A PUZZLE

WHO WOULD TRY TO GET INFORMATION FROM A SPOUSE?

- Foreign intelligence
- Terrorists
- Criminals
- Computer hackers

WHAT DO THEY WANT?

- **Names/photographs of important people**
- **Present and future U.S. capabilities**
- **Meetings of top officials**
- **News about U.S. diplomacy**
- **U.S. positions**
- **Important government places**
- **Information about military facilities:**
  - **Location**
  - **Units**
  - **Weapons used**
  - **Fortifications & tunnels**
  - **Amount of lighting**
  - **Exterior size and shape**
  - **Number of soldiers & officers**
  - **Ammunition depot locations**
  - **Leave policies**
  - **Brigades and names of companies**
  - **Degree & speed of mobilization**



WHAT DO YOU REALLY KNOW?

PERCEPTION CAN BE OUR OWN WORSE ENEMY

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- Ensure that the information posted has no significant value to the enemy
- Always assume that the enemy is reading what you're writing
- Be careful about discussing information in public settings (Clubs, airports, gyms)
- Avoid publically (online or real life) speculation about future missions ("they'll probably start building up here next")

PIECES OF INFORMATION

Be especially careful to safeguard "indicators," or pieces of information that provide clues about future activities

- Equipment load dates
- Increase in field exercises
- Ceremonies
- Personal vehicle storage
- Increase in financial activity, such as wills and powers of attorneys

TELEPHONES

Remember that cordless phones and cell phones are NOT completely secure! Anything you say is transmitted over the airwaves and can be intercepted.

The same is true with landline phones! Lines can be crossed or intentionally intercepted!

THE BOTTOM LINE

Think like the ***"bad guy"*** before you post something online or have a public conversation

SUMMARY

- OPSEC is about protecting both military information and personal information = Critical Information
- Information is like a puzzle
- Spouses can be targeted too
- **YOU** can take steps to protect the information

QUESTIONS?